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Applicant : Antonio Gigola)
Serial No. : 09/482,046)
Cnfrm. No. : 6489)
Filed : January 13, 2000)
For : PROCEDURE AND PRESS FOR PRODUCING)
SCREENING AND HUMIDIFYING PANELS)
IN PARTICULAR FOR AVICULTURAL)
FACILITIES)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the July 2, 2003, office action, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 and claims 8-9 dependent thereon stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 3,415,502 to Munters ("Munters") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,963,810 to Holmberg et al. ("Holmberg"). For the reasons noted below, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of claims 7-9 of the above-identified application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") has maintained its position, confirmed at page 3 of the outstanding office action, that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to substitute the impregnated cardboard of Holmberg as the material used for the contact body of Munters to arrive at the presently claimed invention, "because Holmberg shows that plastics, metals, and impregnated cardboard are equivalent *for their use* in the art of cooling tower contact bodies..." (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully disagrees, because the combination of Munters and Holmberg fails to provide any expectation of success in preparing a screening and humidifying panel as recited in claim 7, which recites that the panel is "formed from a